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Applicant(s):	Lucio Giambattista, et al.		
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RESPONSE TO OCTOBER 17, 2003 OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

Applicants submit this response to an Office Action mailed on October 17, 2003 (the "Office Action"). A response to the Office Action is due no later than January 17, 2004. Thus, this response is being timely filed.

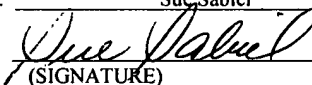
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